

APPEAL NO. 033024
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This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing (CCH) was held on October 23, 2003. The hearing officer resolved the disputed issue by deciding that the compensable injury of _____, extends to and includes the diagnosis of reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD) in her right and left shoulder, right arm, and right hand. The appellant (carrier) appealed, arguing that the determination is against the overwhelming weight of the evidence. The claimant responded, urging affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in determining that the claimant's compensable injury extends to and includes RSD of the right and left shoulder, right arm, and right hand. The extent-of-injury issue presented a question of fact for the hearing officer to resolve. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a). As the trier of fact, the hearing officer resolves the conflicts and inconsistencies in the evidence and decides what facts the evidence has established. Texas Employers Insurance Association v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ). The hearing officer was persuaded that the claimant sustained her burden of proving that her compensable injury included RSD in her right and left shoulder, right arm, and right hand. The hearing officer was acting within his province as the fact finder in so finding. Nothing in our review of the record reveals that the challenged determination is so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Accordingly, no sound basis exists for us to reverse that determination. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175 (Tex. 1986).

We affirm the decision and order of the hearing officer.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **TEXAS PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION** for **Reliance National Indemnity Company** an **impaired carrier** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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Margaret L. Turner
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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